



St Thomas the Apostle Primary School

Term 2 2017

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WELCOME TO TERM 2

Mates Are:

Thoughtful,

Engaged,

Safe



Teachers:

Miss Lucy McMillan 1M

Miss Kaitlin Reedy 1R

Ms Angie Kisiel (odd Fridays) 1R

Days to Remember:

Sports Days - Monday & Thursday

Library & Indonesian - Tuesday

Music - Monday

School Prayer - Monday morning in the Church

Grade Prayer - Friday morning

Important Dates:

Mothers day breakfast 12/5

School Photos 15/5

Athletics Carnival 19/5

Year 1 Assembly 1:45pm 26/5

1R, 3/4B & 3/4L Mass 1/6

Monday Prayer- 1M 12/6

1M & 3/4VL Mass 15/6

Special Points to remember:

- All items of clothing must be labeled—especially Hats and Jumpers.
- Children have fruit break every morning so please provide a small snack.
- Please provide an absence note if your child is absent within 3 days of return.

Welcome to Term 2 2017! We hope you enjoyed the Easter period with your family and are looking forward to an exciting Term!

Curriculum:

Religion: Our overarching theme for 2017 is 'Follow Jesus' way.' Through this, the children will learn a variety of ways to follow Jesus in their everyday lives. Our Term 2 unit is 'Jesus' Stories'. We will learn about Jesus through the stories in the New Testament and his actions will teach us how to make loving choices.

Literacy: In Literacy, the children will be immersed in a variety of literary forms to help them develop their skills in reading, comprehension, spelling, writing, viewing and oral language. In writing we will focus on descriptive writing and the conventions of writing eg. organising words into sentences, writing from left to right, using full stops and capital letters. During our Literacy blocks students will participate in groups in which the above forms are explored and practised. News will occur each day, students have been given a list of topics for each week.

Mathematics: This term we will be looking at Whole Number, Patterns and Algebra, Measurement (length, area and time), Addition and Subtraction, 3D shapes, Data and ways of Working Mathematically. They will participate in Numeracy Blocks which involve whole class teacher directed lessons and small group activities with an emphasis on problem solving.

HASS: This term in HASS we will learn to reduce, reuse and recycle as they consider the importance of sustainability

PD/H/PE: Sport days this term will be **Mondays and Thursdays**. On Mondays, the children will participate in the Footsteps program and on Thursday's the children will practice different fundamental motor skills. They will also participate in Social and Emotional Skills lessons weekly.

Arts: Students will attend Music lessons once a week for 45 minutes with Ms Zita Clifford. Visual and Creative Arts will be integrated across the curriculum to support a creative learning environment.

Indonesian & Library: Students attend Indonesian and Library lessons every Tuesday. Ibu Clifford is our Indonesian teacher and our library teacher is Miss Hayley Douglas. They will need to **bring a labeled library bag** to borrow books. Please support them to return library books weekly.

Just a reminder that we are participating in the Chief Minister's Reading Challenge. Keep supporting your child to fill in their reading record. These can be dropped into the library once complete and a new form picked up.



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Fruit Break: Please ensure that your child has a suitable fruit break everyday and that it is cut up in a small labeled container as bigger pieces are harder to eat.

Grade Prayer: You are welcome to join us each Friday morning as we participate in grade prayer.

Uniform Expectations: A reminder that all children should be in their full winter uniform. Students are expected to wear their hats until the end of May and resume wearing them on the first of August. Please ensure every item of your child's clothing is clearly labeled. Accessories such as coats and hair ribbons should be in school colours. Earrings should be simple sleepers or studs and nail polish should not be worn.

Home Learning: The expectation is that the **children read every night** and for parents to sign their 'Home Reading Record'. Home reading should be an enjoyable experience for all. It is a time for your child to show his/her developing literacy skills, and may be at a lower level than what is read at school. Home reading journals are **required to be sent to school every Monday** to be checked and changed. The children are encouraged to take a few books home at a time, they are more than welcome to change readers on days other than Monday if required.

Medications: If your child is sick at any point throughout the year and requires medication it needs to be taken to Jodie at the front office with a note outlining the administration of the medication.

Absent Notes: A reminder that a note explaining your child's absence from school is required within 3 days of their return. We are able to accept notes electronically (via email) however these must be sent from the email address your family has specified with the Front Office. If you need to update this email, please see Jodie. Contact email addresses for your child's teacher can be found at the start of this letter.

Important Information:

St Thomas the Apostle is a **nut free** environment due to many children having severe nut allergies. Please ensure you do not pack any nuts or nut products (e.g. nutella, peanut butter, satays) in your child's lunch box. For this same reason sharing food is not permitted.

Birthdays: If you wish to send in cake for your child's birthday we are more than happy to celebrate with the class. We encourage you to send cupcakes (not whole cakes) as they are easier to distribute and we do not keep knives in the classroom for safety reasons. All food provided for the class needs to have a list of ingredients supplied.

If you have any concerns or queries about your child, please feel free to make an appointment to speak to us.

We are looking forward to another successful and enjoyable term. Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Miss Lucy McMillan, and Miss Kaitlin Reedy.